

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

CHARLES CHATMAN,

Defendant.

Case No.: CR 22-00453- CRB

~~[PROPOSED]~~ ORDER RE: USE OF  
DIGITAL TABLET IN CUSTODY

TO: GREGORY J. AHERN, THE SHERIFF OF ALAMEDA COUNTY, AND TO THE  
ALAMEDA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AT SANTA RITA JAIL:

Counsel for the defendant has represented that discovery in this case is voluminous or is  
in a digital format that can only be efficiently reviewed by the defendant on a digital  
tablet. The Court therefore orders that Defendant Chatman be permitted to use a digital  
tablet for the sole purpose of reviewing discovery and legal materials from the media  
storage device that relate to his/her criminal case, under the following conditions:

1. The Technical Support Unit of the Alameda County Sheriff's Office ("ACSO") will  
provide the make, model, and specifications required for the digital tablet. Password-  
protected software will be installed to lock down the tablet and prevent access to the  
internet or any and all wireless communication (including but not limited to, WI-FI, LTE,  
4G, etc.), games or entertainment programs of any kind. The digital tablet, and any media  
storage device provided to be installed into the tablet (such as a SD or micro-SD card)  
shall contain no image or files other than discovery, case law, and work product relevant  
to the criminal case;

- 1 2. The digital tablet, media storage device, headphones, and charging unit shall be  
2 purchased by retained or appointed counsel. The digital tablet, lockdown software, and  
3 installation protocol must be that specifically identified by the Office of the Federal  
4 Public Defender for the Northern District of California and/or the Criminal Justice Act  
5 Unit, as approved by the Technical Support Unit of the ACSO. Only tablets procured  
6 with the assistance of the Federal Public Defender and/or the Criminal Justice Act Unit  
7 will be permitted;
- 8 3. Discovery, case law, and work product relevant to the criminal case will be stored only  
9 on the media storage device (such as a SD or micro-SD card), and may not be loaded on  
10 the digital tablet;
- 11 4. ACSO staff will provide only the tablet, with the media storage device installed, to the  
12 defendant. No power cord, or any other type of cord, will be provided to the defendant;
- 13 5. Before the digital tablet is provided to the defendant, it will be inspected to ensure that its  
14 internet lockdown software is operating properly and that the tablet is secure;
- 15 6. Counsel for the defendant will provide staff at Santa Rita Jail a digital media device (such  
16 as a SD or micro-SD card) loaded with discovery or case materials. Counsel may request  
17 that these cards be rotated, with new cards containing updated discovery and case  
18 materials. Updated cards will be installed in the tablet by ACSO, and the previous cards  
19 will be returned to defense counsel for re-use. Counsel may not load digital media  
20 devices (SD cards or micro-SD cards) directly onto the tablet without going through  
21 ACSO staff, and may not provide digital media directly to the defendant. Tablets and  
22 digital media devices may only be provided through ACSO staff;
- 23 7. ACSO staff are authorized to scan the contents of the digital tablet and media storage  
24 devices provided (such as SD or micro-SD cards), to ensure they do not contain  
25 contraband; if the security measures of the tablet are suspected of being breached, the  
26 ACSO will conduct a security assessment of the tablet, confiscate the tablet, secure the  
27 tablet, and notify the United States Marshal's Service (USMS). The USMS will be  
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1 responsible for notifying the appropriate law enforcement agency if criminal activity is  
2 suspected.

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4 8. The digital tablet will be stored in the office of the housing floor or housing unit deputy  
5 and/or in the Inmate Services' office. The tablet will be secured and charged at that  
6 location, and will be accessible to Defendant Doe in the housing unit at the Sheriff's sole  
7 discretion;
- 8 9. Neither the Sheriff's Office nor the County of Alameda will be responsible for any  
9 damage to the digital tablet;
- 10 10. Defendant Chatman shall use the digital tablet for the sole purpose of reviewing  
11 discovery and legal materials from the media storage device that relate to his/her criminal  
12 case. Defendant Chatman shall not share the digital tablet, the digital storage device, or  
13 the materials loaded onto the tablet or digital storage device, with any other inmate, or  
14 with any attorney not appointed to this case, without an order of this Court. Defendant  
15 Chatman shall not access, or attempt to access, the internet or any form of wireless  
16 communication (including, but not limited to, WI-FI, LTE, 4G, etc.) with the device;
- 17 11. Before Defendant Chatman is provided with this digital tablet, he / she must execute a  
18 waiver (a copy of which has been provided to and reviewed by defense counsel);
- 19 12. Any violation of this order by the defendant, or any use of the tablet that jeopardizes jail  
20 security, will result in the immediate confiscation of the digital tablet by the ACSO and  
21 the inmate shall not be allowed to use the tablet;
- 22 13. Among other consequences, any violation of the limitations of this order by counsel may  
23 result in the loss of visiting privileges for counsel at Santa Rita Jail.

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25 IT IS SO ORDERED.

26 February 27, 2023

27 Dated

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HONORABLE CHARLES R. BREYER  
United States District Judge